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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-11 are pending. The present restriction requirement is being sent simply for the election of two species as drawn to the invention, namely a method for preparation of nano- or microparticles containing an active substance embedded in a polymer matrix (claims 1-9) and the products by process obtained therefrom (claims 10-11)

Election/Restrictions

Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

Species Election

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

1. A single specific active substance (e.g. a specific protein or peptide, by sequence or compound name);
2. A single specific polymer (e.g. poly(DL-lactide-co-glycolide).

The species are independent or distinct because a search for any of the above species is not necessarily co-extensive particularly with regard to the literature search and a reference, which would anticipate any one of the above species, would not necessarily anticipate or even make obvious another species, absent evidence to the contrary.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claims 1 and 10 are generic.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable

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thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Applicant is reminded that upon cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Conclusion

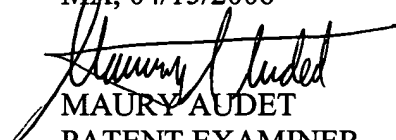
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Maury Audet whose telephone number is 571-272-0960. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th. 7AM-5:30PM (10 Hrs.).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bruce Campell can be reached on 571-272-0974. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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